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SUBJECT: BELGIAN FONOFF DENIES NEWSWEEK REPORT RE MBFR

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1. FLEMISH DAILY "DE STANDAARD" ALONE AMONG BRUSSELS' MORNING
EUROPEAN PAPERS AUG. 7 REPORTED DETAILS OF NEWSWEEK
STORY ON JOINT WEST EUROPEAN TROOP REDUCTION PLAN UNDER FRONT
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PAGE HEADLINE "BELGIUM DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF A FORCE REDUCTION

PLAN." PAPER STATES THAT, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY,
BELGIUM AS ALL OTHER NATO COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE MBFR
TALKS HAS PREPARED A DRAFT BUT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY
JOINT PROPOSAL OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.

2. EMBASSY'S CHECK WITH FONMIN PRESS OFFICE REVEALS THAT
MINISTRY DENIAL WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO JOURNALIST'S TELEPHONE
CALL AND THAT MINISTRY PLANNED NO OTHER STATEMENT ON THE
NEWSWEEK STORY.
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